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NAIROBI FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AND AMBASSADOR LOW

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT: SUGGESTION FOR BRIEFING
OF PRESIDENT BANDA

A. LUSAKA 2570; B. LILONGWE 0320; C. LILONGWE 0388

1. ALTHOUGH LUSAKA IS CORRECT IN ASSUMPTION WE HAVE
NEVER DISCUSSED OUR CURRENT RHODESIA INITIATIVE PER SE
WITH BANDA (WE OF COURSE NEVER HAD DETAILS UNTIL AUG 30)
I HAVE TALKED TO HIM ENOUGH ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT TO
KNOW HIS VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INTERNAL OPTION
AS WAS REPORTED REFS B AND C. HE IS FIRMLY CONVINCED
THAT MUGABE AND NKOMO WILL NEVER AGREE TO A SOLUTION
WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TO COMPETE FOR POLITICAL POWER
THRU FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. HE ALSO BELIEVES
THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF RHODESIANS RESENT THE FRONT
LINE STATES ENDORSEMENT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS
UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND
THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA AND REV. SITHOLE BETWEEN THEM COMMAND
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THE SUPPORT OF MOST RHODESIANS. FROM THIS HE REASONS THAT
AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WITH SMITH WOULD BE VIABLE IF IT
CLEARLY PROVIDES FOR CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE BLACK
MAJORITY. HE WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED THAT RETENTION OF THE
PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES WOULD BE A THREAT TO BLACK
CONTROL (HIS OWN ARMY NOW ALL MALAWIAN WAS OFFICERED FOR
SEVERAL YEARS AFTER INDEPENDENCE BY SECONDED BRITISHERS)

AND HE IS FIRMLY CONINCED THAT THE THREAT OF CONTINUED GUERRILLA VIOLENCE IN THE EVENT OF SUCH AN INTRNAL SOLUTION IS A BOGEYMAN CONJURED UP BY THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE THEIR OWN AXES TO GRIND.HE HAS EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF TO ME SEVERAL TIMES THAT THE GUERRILLA FORCES WOULD SOON ABANDON THE FIGHTING AND RTURN HOME. IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH HIM ON AUG 30, I STRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT AN INTERNAL SOLUTION WOULD NOT END THE FIGHTING. ONCE AGAIN HE REITERATED ABOVE BELIEF.

2. IN ALL OF THIS HE UNDOUBTEDLY EXTRAPOLATES, BASED ON HIS OWN EXPERIENCE WHERE HE MOVED INTO FULL CONTROL OF MALAWI BY STAGES, AND CAN LOOK BACK ON A SITUATION IN WHIC THEN STRONGWHITE OPPONENTS BOTH LOCALLY AND FROM THE FEDERATION OVER TIME BECAME HIS FRIENDS (E.G. RAY WELENSKY AND MICHAEL BLACKWOOD). WITHOUT DOUBT HE HAS MORE FAITH IN SMITH'S WORD THAN THE OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS DO. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HE ARRANGED FOR SMITH'S PERMISSION FOR SITHOLE TO RETURN TO RHODESIA.

3. I DOUBT THAT BANDA COULD EASILY BE PERSUADED THAT HE UNDERESTIMATES THE DANGERS IN AN INTERNAL SOLUTION. IF WE DECIDED TO TRY TO CHANGE HIS THINKING AND GET HIM TO WORK ON SITHOLE, THE BRITISH WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE THE CHOSEN INSTRUMENT.

4. FYI: BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER SCOTT WILL BE SEEING BANDA AT 10:00 AM SEPT 1 TO PRESENT HIM A MESSAGE FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PRIME MINISTER. I DUSCUSSED ABOVE PROBLEM WITH HIM AND HE SAID HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS RE INTERNAL SOLUTION BUT IF BANDA RAISES TOPIC, HE WILL POINT OUT DANGERS.STEVENSON

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